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constantly coming in and furnishing enough fuel to keep the epidemic smoldering. I have heard of no new cases in the surrounding country, and the shipping continues free from infection.

Respectfully, yours, SAML. H. HODGSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Yellow fever on British steamship Transit at Progreso.

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
Progreso, July 16, 1899.

SIR: I have to report that the British steamship *Transit*, from Vera Cruz and Tampico, arrived at this port on the 13th instant.

On the 15th instant, while the vessel was unloading at the dock, 2 of the crew were seen to be unwell. They were given medical attention, and to-day, the 16th, the cases were officially declared to be yellow fever. One of the 2 cases will unquestionably prove to be fatal.

The health officials of the port have taken energetic action in the matter. The steamship has been ordered in quarantine at a safe distance offshore and close vigilance is being observed.

Yucatan, up to date of writing, has had no case of yellow fever this season. The case noted in some newspaper reports a few weeks ago proved to be only a mild case of bilious fever and the subject was up and about his business in less than four days.

Respectfully, yours, EDWARD H. THOMPSON,
United States Consul.

The honorable the ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

Inspection service at Puebla and Orizaba.

MEXICO, MEXICO, *August 6, 1899.*

SIR: In accordance with Bureau letter (J. W. B) of June 16, 1899, wherein I was ordered to visit when necessary the towns on the lines of railroad between Mexico City and Vera Cruz, I have the honor to inform you that I left here on the morning of August 2 and arrived in Puebla on the afternoon of the same day. I immediately called upon the consular agent, Mr. Headen, for the purpose of explaining the Service work in Mexico, and to arrange for the certification of residents of Puebla who might travel to the United States, and whose health status, while perfectly good, would be unknown to us. Mr. Headen promised any assistance within his power, and any information likely to be of interest to us. He was requested to issue a certificate to each passenger, but addressed to this office, stating the length of time the passenger had resided in Puebla, whether an infected locality had been visited, and whether the passenger had traveled in a local or through train to Mexico City. I learned upon good authority that no cases of yellow fever have been brought to Puebla this year. I left on the following morning, August 3, for Orizaba, on which place I will make a separate report.

Respectfully, yours, L. E. COFER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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